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	Venkat Perungavoor	2132

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 30 July 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see pages 9-12, filed 9/18/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-2, 5,7,17, 20-22,25, 37, and 40 under 35 USC § 102 (b) as anticipated by US Patent 5421006 to Jablon et al.(hereinafter Jablon) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of US Patent 6192484 to Asano.

Docketing

There has been a change in the Examiner prosecuting this case, please direct future communication relating to the Examiner to the number listed in the Conclusion section.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-6, 20-26,40-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 6192484 to Asano.

Regarding Claim 1, 20-21,40-41, Asano discloses the secure module that stores a first information, wherein the secure module can not be accessed from outside see Col 13 Ln 5-15 & Fig. 1 item 55; a memory that stores a second information, wherein the memory can be accessed from outside see Fig. 1 item 55 & Col 11 Ln 12-17; a falsification checking unit that is loaded on the secure module, wherein the falsification checking unit reads the second information from the memory by direct

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access, compares the second information with the first information in the secure module, and checks a falsification of the second information based on the result of the comparison see Col 13 Ln 20-28; and a reproducing unit reproducing the second information when a result of the check by the falsification checking unit is that the second information is not falsified see Col 14 Ln 13-24.

Regarding Claim 2-6, 22-26, Asano discloses the second information being read in parts from each hard drive and non-volatile memory and further of comparing of the information see Col 13 Ln 15-43.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7-12, 27-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6192484 to Asano in view of US Patent Publication 2002/0060703 to Tsukada.

Regarding Claim 7-12, 27-32, Asano does not explicitly disclose the storing and updating of setting. However, Tsukada discloses the updating and storing of setting see Abstract & Fig. 3 item "Update". It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the updating and storing of settings in the invention of Asano in order to remain current with the both memories as taught in Tsukada see Par. 0036.

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Claims 13-18, 33-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6192484 to Asano in view of US Patent 6665780 to Bradley.

Regarding Claim 13-18, 33-38, Asano does not explicitly disclose the keys and secret information being used to store and encrypt the data. However, Bradley discloses the keys being stored and used to encrypt information see Col 5 Ln 53-65. It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to include the keys being stored and used to encrypt information in the invention of Asano in order to establish a nexus as taught in Bradley see Col 5 Ln 53-65.

Regarding Claim 19, 39, Bradley discloses the bitmap configuration see Fig. 3A-2.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Venkat Perungavoor whose telephone number is 571-272-7213. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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